

Dear Southeast Brownfields Community,

Please read this email if you are applying for a **FY17 Brownfields Assessment** or **Cleanup** grant. It contains important updates.

We're extending the proposal submission deadline from December 20th to December 22nd.

Recently EPA became aware of a planned server maintenance shutdown to grants.gov taking place Saturday, December 17, 2016, to Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 AM ET. During that time, the system will not accept application submissions, so EPA is allowing additional days for our applicants to have every opportunity to successfully submit their application.

Additionally, we're using this opportunity to address two discrepancies in the Assessment Guidelines and add an Other Factor for natural disasters to capture those affected by Hurricane Matthew, etc. Please see the table below and/or review this information on our [EPA Brownfields Website](#).

Also, we have posted the recording and the presentation for the Nov 1st National Guideline Outreach webinar if you missed this two-hour detailed walk-through of the Guidelines. The link to the webinar recording and the presentation are available on the [EPA Brownfields Website](#). Also, posted here is another webinar recording on how to use the TAB EZ tool to prepare your grant application. This tool is provided by the EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields grantee, Kansas State University.

Here is a summary to guide you through the changes:

	OLD LANGUAGE	NEW LANGUAGE
Proposal Submission Deadline	December 20, 2016	December 22, 2016
Cleanup Community Notification Deadline	December 6, 2016	December 8, 2016
Assessment Guidelines: V.A.1.a.iii. Brownfields and Their Impacts	The impact of actual brownfields sites in your target area(s), how these sites will be prioritized , and how well you connected the impact of the brownfield sites' proximity to residents in the target area, the nature and extent of the brownfields, and real or perceived negative environmental impacts associated with the brownfields to the community.	The impact of actual brownfields sites in your target area(s), identification of prioritized sites , and how well you connected the impact of the brownfield sites' proximity to residents in the target area, the nature and extent of the brownfields, and real or perceived negative environmental impacts associated with the brownfields to the community.

Assessment Guidelines: V.A.3.a.i. Community Involvement Plan	Community-wide proposals should demonstrate how the whole community, not just localized groups directly affected by a site or sites, has provided input from the project inception and will be engaged throughout the project.	Community-wide proposals should demonstrate how the community in the target area has provided input from the project inception and will be engaged throughout the project.
Assessment and Cleanup Guidelines – Section V.B. and Appendix 3		Added: whether a natural disaster(s) (2012 or later) occurred within the community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress; Recent natural disaster(s) (2012 or later) occurred within community, causing significant community economic and environmental distress.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions after checking our [EPA Brownfields Website](#).

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